

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In claim **1** at line 1, the term "Compound" was amended to read
-- A compound --.

In claim **22** at line 5, the entire line ("8-bromo-2'-O-methyladenosine-3',5'-cyclic monophosphate;") including punctuation was deleted.

In claim **22** at line 16, the entire line ("8-n-hexylthio-2'-O-methyladenosine-3',5'-cyclic monophosphate;") including punctuation was deleted.

In claim **22** at the next to last line (line 44), the term " 8-chloro-2'-O-methyladenosine-3',5'-cyclic monophosphate; " was deleted.

Claim **68** was cancelled without prejudice to the filing of continuing or divisional applications.

In claim **72** at line 1, the term " The compound of claim **22** " was amended to read
-- A compound -- .

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard F. Trecartin on November 19, 2010.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Examiner has reviewed and discussed at length telephonically with applicant's representative the details of the claims as amended in the claim set filed November 18, 2010. Upon review of the English language Abstract and review of the entire Japanese language document in the presence of a chemistry- and Japanese-fluent PTO employee, examiner has concluded that neither the compound "8-n-hexylthio-2'-O-methyladenosine-3',5'-cyclic phosphate" nor the synthesis thereof has not been specifically disclosed in the '**792** reference cited in the previous Office action, nor is their any disclosure in the Abstract of the '**792**

publication, or the actual publication, which either teaches or enables the synthesis of any 8-alkylthio homologue thereof. For these reasons this compound has been found allowable.

In view of the above analysis, the above amendments, and the previously submitted amendments made of record in the amendment filed November 18, 2010, examiner has found that the rejections of record have all been rendered moot. For these reasons, and because there are no other recognized objections or rejections which apply to the claimed subject matter remaining, said rejections of record have all been withdrawn, and the claims remaining in the case have been found to be allowable as amended.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner L. E. Crane whose telephone number is **571-272-0651**. The examiner can normally be reached between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. S. Anna Jiang, can be reached on **571-272-0627**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is **571-272-1600**.

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